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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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APPOINTMENT OF FACULTY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any provision to make permanent appointment of faculty positions under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details and composition of RUSA Mission Authority, Project Approval Board, Technical Support Group and National Project Directorate;

(d) the funds granted to the Government of Kerala under the scheme till date; and

(e) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted utilisation certificates of the funds and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) supports creation of additional 5000 positions in the category of Assistant Professor or equivalent cadre. However, support under this component is contingent upon the state achieving a Student Teacher Ratio of 20:1 and adhering to University Grants Commission (UGC) norms and regulations. The states would also have to commit to taking over the liability of these faculty positions at the end of the scheme.

(c): The details and composition of RUSA Mission Authority and Project Approval Board have been notified in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) vide F. No. 4-9/2013-U.II dated 1st November 2013. A copy of the notification is available at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/upload_document/GazetteResRUSA%20(1).pdf

The National Project Directorate (NPD) of RUSA is located within the Department of Higher Education in the Ministry of Human Resource Development. It is headed by the National Mission Director, who is the Joint Secretary in charge of Higher Education supported by one Director, an Under Secretary and other support staff. The functions of the NPD include holding meetings of the Mission Authority and Project Approval Board; overall project fund management; overseeing project implementation at the central and state levels; policy inputs for Mission Authority; maintain statistical data and Management Information System (MIS) reports etc.

The Technical Support Group (TSG) consists of Consultants appointed by the agency engaged by the Government for the purpose. The responsibilities of the TSG include monitoring flow of funds and information to states; appraising State Higher Education Plans (SHEPs) and engaging with State Higher Education Councils; generating MIS reports; conducting evaluation studies; providing all operational, technical, logistical and managerial support to RUSA Mission Authority; PAB and NPD.

(d): Till date Rs.2.60 crore have been released as Preparatory Grants and Rs.0.26 crore released as Management Monitoring Evaluation Research (MMER) grants.

(e): No, Madam. Kerala has not submitted any utilisation certificate to the Ministry for the funds released under RUSA till date.